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1. On 11 May 1951, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne in Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) still quartered about 1,400 troops, excluding the signal unit which had not returned to the installation. A column of troops leaving the installation on 9 May for the cemetery was led by a colonel and two majors, followed by a 16-piece band and 21 units, each of which consisted of about 70 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. About 60 soldiers were drilling with 4 x 122-mm guns in the barracks yard on 11 May. Vehicles which left the billeting area included

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2. On 11 May, the See Kaserne still quartered about 1,200 troops. Ten units of 34 soldiers each left the installation for the cemetery on 9 May. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia.
3. On 11 May, the Fridericus Kaserne was still occupied by about 5,000 troops. Troops who left the installation for the cemetery on 9 May included an honor guard, accompanied by 120 officers who carried about 30 wreaths, and 30 units of about 80 soldiers each who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. All officers wore tank insignia.
4. On 9 May, the former girls' school still quartered about 300 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with supply insignia. No heavy weapons were observed with the troops.

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5. Motor vehicles parked in front of the military post hospital on 9 May were numbered [REDACTED]

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6. Vehicles which left Scholten Platz on 9 May included [REDACTED]

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occupied by soldiers. In addition, an armored reconnaissance car and trucks [REDACTED]

were observed on

Scholten Platz.

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On 9 May, rocket launchers [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] were observed at the post training field, about 4 km north of Neuruppin. The truck was occupied by 19 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 10 May, 13 rocket launchers were seen in the Herzberg Forest, south of the Neuruppin-Herzberg road. Field kitchen [REDACTED] was parked near the road. *

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